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RESPONSE

Sir:

Pursuant to the Office Action having a mailing date of August 13, 2003 and received in regard to the above-noted application, please enter the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-17 and 19-20 are elected.

I. Restriction Requirement

Claims 1-20 are currently pending and all of them were subject to restriction in the Office action. Specifically, the Examiner required Applicant to elect among the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-17 and 19-20, drawn to an optical switch and a method of switching optical packets in the optical domain, classified in class 385, subclass 16.
- II. Claim 18, drawn to a process for making an integrated optical switch, classified in class 438, subclass 689.

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In response Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-17 and 19-20, for further examination.

Applicant respectfully reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications for the non-elected claim.

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